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AND

DIRECTIONS

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RULES, ORDERS and Directions made and Eſtabliſhed by Us the Lord Lieutenant and Council, for the better Regulating of all ſuch Cities, Walled-Towns, and Corporations within this Kingdom of *Ireland*; And the Electing of Magiſtrates and Officers there, for which no other particular Rules, Orders, or Directions, have been, or ſhall be made by Us before the Twenty ninth day of this inſtant *September*.

ESSEX.

WHEREAS in and by one Act of Parliament, lately made in this Kingdom; Entituled, An Act for the Explaining of ſome doubts ariſing upon An Act; Entituled, An Act, for the better Execution of His Majeſties Gracious Declaration for the Settlement of His Kingdom of *Ireland*, and Satisfaction of the ſe-

veral intereſts of Adventurers, Souldiers, and other His Subjects there; And for making ſome alterations of, and additions unto the ſaid Act, for the more ſpeedy and effectual Settlement of the ſaid Kingdom.

IT is amongſt other things therein contained, Enacted, That it ſhall, and may be lawful to, and for the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor, or Governors, and Council of *Ireland* for the time being, from time to time, and at all times to come, during the ſpace of Seven years, to be accompted from the Nine and twentieth day of *September*, One thouſand ſix hundred ſixty five, to make and eſtabliſh ſuch Rules, Orders, and Directions, for the better regulating of all Cities, Walled Towns, and Corporations, both New and Old, and ſuch as ſhall be created within this Kingdom, and the Electing of Magiſtrates and Officers there, and to inflict ſuch penalties for the breach thereof, as they in their wiſedomes ſhall think fit, ſo as the penalties for breach of the Rules, Orders, and Directions to be made, touching ſuch Corporations, do not extend farther than to the Removal and Diſfranchiſment of ſuch Perſons, as ſhall be found guilty of the breach thereof; and ſuch Rules, Orders, and Directions, ſo to be made as aforeſaid, ſhall be as good and effectual in Law, to all intents and purpoſes, as if the ſame had been ſpecially and particularly Eſtabliſhed by Authority of this preſent Parliament, and ſhall remain, continue, and abide in force, for ſuch and ſo long time, as in the ſaid Rules, Orders, and Directions ſhall be limited and appointed, any thing in the ſaid Act, or otherwiſe to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

We

WE the Lord Lieutenant and Council, in pursuance of the said Act, and the Authority thereby given unto Us, have thought fit to make and Establish; And We do hereby Make and Establish the Rules, Orders, and Directions hereafter mentioned, for the better Regulating of all such Cities, Walled Towns, and Corporations in this Kingdom, and the Electing of Magistrates and Officers there, for which no other particular Rules, Orders, or Directions have been, or shall be made by Us before the Twenty ninth day of this instant September.

First, That no person or persons, that shall hereafter be Elected, either Mayor, Bayliff, Soveraign, Portreeff, Burgomaster, Recorder, Sheriffs, Treasurer, Alderman, Town-Clerk, Burgess, or one of the Common-councel, or any Magistrate, or such or the like Officer within any City, Walled Town, or Corporation within this Kingdom, or Master, or Wardens of any Corporation, Guild, or Fraternity within any City, Walled Town or Corporation within this Kingdom of Ireland, shall be capable of holding, enjoying, or executing any the said Offices, places or imployments, untill he or they shall have taken the Oath of Supremacy, Established by Act of Parliament 2do Elizabethæ in this Kingdom, and the Oath of Allegiance, besides the Oaths usually taken upon the admission of any per-

ſons into the ſaid Reſpective Offices, places, or Employments. And alſo this enſuing Oath, viz. I *A. B.* do Declare and Believe, That it is not lawful, upon any pretence whatſoever, to take Arms againſt the KING; And that I do abhor that Trayterous Poſition of taking Arms by His Authority againſt His Perſon, or againſt thoſe that are Commiſſioned by him. So help me GOD. The ſaid Oaths to be taken, before ſuch perſon or perſons as ſhall admit them to the ſaid ſeveral Offices, places, and employments (who are hereby impowred authorized and required to adminiſter to them the ſaid Oaths) and upon any ſuch perſon or perſons refuſal to take the ſaid Oaths, The Election of ſuch perſon or perſons into any the ſaid Offices, places, or employments, is hereby declared to be abſolutely null and void (ſuch perſons onely excepted, with whoſe taking the ſaid Oath of Supremacy, the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governour or Governours of this Kingdom for the time being, for ſome particular reaſons ſhall think fit, by writing under his or their hand by Name to diſpence.

Secondly, That all Foreigners, Strangers, and Aliens, as well others as Proteſtants, who are or ſhall be Merchants, Traders, Artizans, Artificers, Seamen, or otherwiſe ſkilled and exerciſed in any Myſtery, Craft, or Trade; or in the working or making any manufacture or in the Art of Navigation, who are at preſent reſiding and

and inhabiting within this Kingdom, or who shall at any time hereafter come into any City, Walled Town, or Corporation, within this Kingdom, with intent and resolution there to inhabit, reside, and dwell, shall upon his or their resonable suit or request made, and upon payment down, or tender of Twenty shillings by way of Fine, unto the Chief Magistrate, or Magistrates, and Common-councel; or other persons authorized to admit, and make Freemen of such City, Town, or Corporation, where he or they do intend to inhabit, reside, or dwell, be admitted a Freeman of any such City, Walled Town, or Corporation within this Kingdom: And if he or they shall desire it, of all or any Guild, Brotherhood, Society, or Fellowship of any Trade, Craft, or other mystery within all or any the same, during his or their residence for the most part, and his and their Families constant inhabiting within this Kingdom, and no longer; and shall have, exercise, and enjoy all privileges and immunities of Trading, Buying, Working and Selling, in as large and ample manner as any Freeman of any such City, Walled Town, or Corporation might have, exercise or enjoy, by vertue of his or their Freedom: And that every such person or persons, who shall be admitted to be free as aforesaid, shall from thenceforth be deemed, esteemed, and taken, and be Denizen and Denizens within this Kingdom, any Law, Statute, Charter, Usage, or Custome of

this Kingdom, or of any City, Walled Town, or Corporation of the same, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. Provided alwayes, That all such Strangers, Artificers, and others, to be admitted Freemen as aforesaid, shall take the Oath of Allegiance to our Sovereign Lord the King, his heirs and Successors, and also such other Oaths as are accustomably taken by all or any Freeman, or members of any such respective Cities, Walled Towns, or Corporations, or by all or any the members of any such Guild, or Brotherhood; Society, or Fellowship of the Trade, Craft, or other mystery, which he or they shall occupy, or exercize, in case he or they shall desire to be incorporated into any such Guild, Brotherhood, Society, or Fellowship aforesaid, and shall pay all such and like Charges, as all Freemen his Majesties subjects, of the like Trade, Craft, or mystery, shall or do use to pay, and no other or more; And that if any Chief Magistrate or Magistrates, or other persons authorized as aforesaid, of any City, Town, or Corporation; or any Master, Warden, or other Governour of any Brotherhood, Society, or Fellowship; or any Trade, Craft, or mystery within any such City, Town, or Corporation, shall refuse to admit any such Stranger, being a Merchant, Leader, Artificer, Artizan, Workman or Seaman, residing or coming into this Kingdom, with intent as aforesaid, to be a Freeman of the City, Town, or Corporation

where

where he or they intend to inhabit, reſide, or dwell; or to be a Brother or member of any Brotherhood, Society, or Fellowſhip within the ſame, every ſuch chief Magiſtrate or Magiſtrates, Maſter, Warden, or other Governours reſpectively, ſhall upon complaint and due proof made, of ſuch refuſal, before the Lord Lieutenant, or other chief Governour or Governours, and Council of this Kingdom, be by their Order Diſfranchiſed, and from thenceforth incapable (without their Licence) of being made a Freeman or member of any ſuch City, Town, or Corporation; And every ſuch Stranger being a Merchant, Trader, Artificer, Artizan, Workman or Seaman, upon tender by him made of Twenty ſhillings, by way of Fine as aforeſaid, and taking the Oath of Allegiance before any Juſtice of Peace, of the County next adjacent to ſuch City, Town, or Corporation, or wherein ſuch City, Town, or Corporation is ſituated (who is hereby authorized and appointed to adminiſter the ſaid Oath) ſhall thereupon by vertue hereof, be deemed, reputed, and taken to all intents and purpoſes to be a Freeman or member of the ſaid City, Town, Corporation, Brotherhood, Society, or Fellowſhip of any Trade, Craft, or myſtery, where he or they ſhall inhabit, reſide, or dwell, and be denied admiſsion as aforeſaid; And thenceforth have, exerrize, and enjoy the liberty and priviledge of Trading, Working, Buying or Selling of any commodities whatſoever, in as large and

ample manner, as if he had been admitted a Freeman of such City, Town, or Corporation, a Brother or member of such Brotherhood, Society, or Fellowship of any Trade, Craft, or mystery within the same, taking the usual Oaths of such Freemen, Brothers or members, which Oaths any one Justice of Peace near adjoyning, shall have power to administer, and paying all such charges as aforesaid, any Law, Custome, Charter or Usage, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding: And in case any person or persons shall give any interruption or disturbance to any such Stranger, being a Merchant, Trader, Artificer, Artizan, Workman, or Seaman as aforesaid, to the hindring him in his Trading, Working, Buying or Selling as aforesaid, contrary to the intent and meaning hereof, all and every such person and persons so offending, shall upon like complaint and proof made of his or their offence therein, before the Lord Lieutenant, or other chief Governour or Governours and Council of this Kingdom for the time being, be by their Order Disfranchised, and from thencefoyth incapable without their Licence of being made a Freeman or member of any such City, Town or Corporation.

And these Our Rules, Orders, & directions, We do hereby Order and Establish for ever hereafter, to continue in force in all the Cities, Walled Towns and Corporations within this Kingdom, for which no other particular Rules, Orders or Directions have been